

## WESTERLY

Benjamin Franklin Bliven, retired from active business, who for many years conducted a fish market in Main street, and who was a thing or two about fish and fishermen, was in a reminiscent mood Saturday morning, caused by the remark of a local fisherman that cod and haddock are mighty scarce and that he went after any fish he could get and did not specialize. Mr. Bliven said: "Dan Larkin of Watch Hill, granddaddy of Dan who was in the town council, told me a great many years ago a fish story that I know to be absolutely true. In the old days fishermen hereabouts used to sail down in their cellars lots of bonny fish to be used for bait. Dan, the good old soul, once, once, decided one Christmas day that he would go anishing. He went down cellar, got his bait and fishing outfit and went out in his boat to the single of Watch Hill. He anchored there and began to fish. He remembered this was on the 24th day of December, many years ago. In two hours he had filled his boat with cod fish. He shipped four barrels of them to the New York market. These fish were not taken from deep water, as is the custom, for the water was not more than 20 feet deep where Dan Larkin fished."

Mr. Bliven cited another instance of remarkable fishing in which the cod were reined, not hooked. "So you see not know James Thompson? I suppose everybody knew him. Well, one winter day he hauled his seine at Naves Beach, now Pleasant View, and landed more than a hundred good sized codfish. I've known of a cod being reined now and then, but that is the first and only time I ever knew of a full seine of codfish. That happened just off the shore at Pleasant View and in shallow water."

Mr. Bliven, who is 85, achieved a

reputation years ago as a crack shot. A year ago last Thanksgiving day he did some clay pigeon shooting at the meet of the South County Gun club. Only Friday he stood on the terrace of his back yard and at a distance of 300 feet shot a rat that was prowling near his henhouse. In the early spring a cat was making away with one of his chickens when Mr. Bliven took aim, fired, and there was one less cat in the neighborhood. Mr. Bliven is on the streets almost daily, as active as the average man at 60. He stopped at the Nash store Saturday morning and, after buying The Norwich Bulletin, called for a paper of tobacco. "What kind?" asked the young man in charge. Mr. Bliven replied: "Any old kind, so long as it's tobacco and will burn; a fellow must be content with anything he can get in these prohibition times."

The heirs of Rowland G. Hazard, formerly of Peacocks, who died in 1888, have asked the supreme court of Rhode Island to sanction a plan whereby a trust fund of \$15,000 created by Mr. Hazard's will for the benefit of his three daughters, Caroline, Caroline, Helen H. Bacon and Margaret H. Fisher, may be distributed equally among the three beneficiaries under the trust and the trust terminated.

Rowland Hazard, son of the testator, was made the first trustee under the will. He died in 1888 without having made any provision for the carrying on of the trust after his death. The executors under his will administered the trust until the appointment of Rowland Hazard, great-grandson of the testator, as trustee, and he has since administered the trust. All the parties in interest now deem it advisable to divide the trust fund and terminate the trust.

Rear Admiral Herbert Omar Dunn of Westerly was among the naval officers awarded distinguished service medals by Secretary of the Navy Daniels Thursday. Admiral Dunn still makes his home on Netherland farm, the family homestead at Dunn's corner, in the town of Westerly. He was born in Westerly May 29, 1857, the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dunn, and a brother, Edward, still resides here. He was graduated from the naval academy in 1879, was appointed ensign in 1881, a commander in 1905, a captain in 1909, and a rear admiral in 1915. He served in all parts of the world. In 1901 he went to Valparaiso with Captain Schley, served on the Terror in the Spanish war, on the Buffalo in China during the Boxer trouble, and was assigned to the Philippines during Aguinaldo's insurrection.

After becoming a rear admiral he was assigned to command the Fourth battleship squadron and a year later was assigned to the Fifth division. In January, 1918, he was made commander of the important American marine base in the Azores, where he did service of great worth and importance. During his term there he was called to Paris for a conference with President Wilson. May 1, 1919, he was made commander of the First navy district, with headquarters at Boston.

Mechanics lodge of Odd Fellows of Hope Valley recently elected these officers: Elmer A. Smith, noble grand; John F. Kugler, vice grand; Samuel H. Avery, secretary; George W. Avery, financial secretary; Silas R. Richmond, treasurer.

The officers elected by Rhoda Rebekah lodge are: Mrs. Sadie Webster, noble grand; Mrs. Eleanor Burdick, vice grand; Mrs. Myra V. Flinn, secretary; Mrs. Mary W. Clark, treasurer; Mrs. Edith B. Spencer, treasurer.

A card of very interesting scouting and racing events for teams representing the Westerly and Pawtuxet Valley Boy Scouts took place in the state armory in Westerly Saturday night, after the village was entertained at supper in the Colonial club. It was a real scout rally and arranged by Deputy Commissioners D. Harold Rogers of Westerly and Charles G. Earle of Anthony. The judges were these scout officials from Providence: Scout Executive George R. Fish, Field Executive T. Pittman Greene, and Scoutmaster Albert E. Lowner.

A pleasing feature of the meet was the presentation to Scout George A. Schackner of Westerly a bronze medal of honor for the saving of life, awarded by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America. Scout Schackner saved Mary McGinn from drowning while she was bathing at Watch Hill, and he received much praise at the time for the heroic act. "The medal shows you, as a true scout, even though it may have resulted in the loss of your life." The presentation was made by Scout Commissioner G. Edward Buxton, Jr. of the Greater Providence council.

The final totals in the events were: Pawtuxet Valley 52 points, Westerly 28 points.

David Franklin Stillman, 84, died Sunday at his home on Dixon street. He was a bank clerk in Westerly for 44 years, the oldest bank clerk in the state of Rhode Island, and for many years was with the Industrial Trust company. He was born in Hopkinton June 4, 1835, and when 2 years old moved with his parents, Christopher Chester and Mary Ann Johnson Stillman, to New London. Nine years later the family came to Westerly. He attended the Westerly school and was graduated from Alfred university. He soon thereafter engaged in the banking business. He served as librarian of the old Westerly library for five years. He was a charter member of the Westerly band and vice president of the New England Chess association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Vilet S. Marr of Millington, Me., and Miss Ethel D. Stillman of Westerly.

The Rhode Island legislature will be asked for the use of the state armory in Providence four days next November for the four agricultural exhibitions which have been held at different times in the past and which are to be combined into one big show next year. At a meeting Friday this plan was reached at a meeting of representatives of the fruit, horticultural, poultry and corn growing organizations and the market gardeners' association. An executive committee was selected from the various associations, and John J. Dunn of Westerly, secretary of the state board of agriculture, was asked to represent the board on the committee. This committee has full power to arrange for the combined exhibition.

Peter W. Collins, director of Knights of Columbus in war activities reconstruction and employment service, and

head of the educational bureau established by the knights throughout the country, will arrive in Providence on Tuesday. He will conduct a tour of the state under the auspices of the Rhode Island state council, with State Deputy William J. Keenan, speaking in the interests of the establishment of Knights of Columbus council-schools throughout the state.

Miss Elsie Peirce, 20, daughter of Chief of Police Thomas W. Peirce of Wickford, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at the home of Valentine Glass in East Greenwich, where she had been boarding. Dr. Frederick Taggart stated that heart trouble was probably the cause of death, but there was doubt and an autopsy was ordered by Medical Examiner Charles L. Phillips.

Miss Peirce had been in ill health for a week, but declined to consult a physician. She had been about the house as usual, and late Saturday afternoon she decided to go shopping. She had just left her room when she fell back and died almost instantly. Miss Peirce for the past few months had been working in a box factory in East Greenwich. She was formerly employed in bakeries at Wickford and at East Greenwich.

The Westerly Brass company, established in the granite building on Quarry Hill about a year ago, is already making extensive additions to the plant and becoming a thriving industry. The company was granted a charter in Rhode Island Saturday. The incorporators are: Frederick S. Ople and Harry B. Agard.

Local Laconics.

Rev. Frederick J. Caterer, who has been pastor of the Perryville Baptist church several years, will minister to the Baptists of Bradford. He has accepted a call to succeed the present pastor, Rev. F. K. Hackett, who is to go to Londonderry, N. H.

Past Grand Master Thomas McKenzie, Colonel Arthur N. Nash, district deputy, Carl Everett Burdick, worshipful master of Franklin lodge, and Arthur C. Thompson, secretary of the lodge, attended the dedicatory exercises of the new Masonic home building in Wallingford Saturday.

There is no tram road in connection with the Westerly police station and this class of itinerants give the place a wide berth during the night season. Friday night an umbrella man, one of the old-time tramway type, called at the station and asked for a night's lodging. It was raining and the old man was wet to the skin. He was a stranger, and they took him in.

Henry M. Clarke, who purchased the Fenelon building on Main street, has transferred the property to the Washington Trust company. This purchase gives the banking house more opportunity to erect the proposed big bank building. E. J. Fenelon will continue his business in the building for several months.

Hartford—It is expected that fifty divorce actions will be heard by the superior court of Hartford county in the next two months. An effort will be made to secure two judges to hear them.

## STONINGTON

Miss Gertrude L. Main spent the week end at her home in Norwich. A gold signet ring has been substituted for the traditional class pin by the 1921 class of the Stonington High school.

Alexander Loper has returned from Seneca Falls, N. Y.

There's almost a sugar famine in Stonington. The local fishermen have been storm bound for a week.

## PHOENIXVILLE

Miss Rosalie Spaulding is at her summer home for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clemens attended the meeting of Wolf Ten grange, in Grange Hall, Abington, Wednesday evening. Neighbors' night was observed. Brooklyn and Seneca granges being invited. A most interesting program was rendered by the visiting granges. Refreshments were served, after the regular meeting a social hour was enjoyed. Music for dancing being furnished by Allan W. Sterry and Mrs. Roy Clemens.

A large Paige truck was disabled at the top of Schoolhouse hill Saturday evening and remained so until Sunday evening. It was from Providence en route to Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lyon and Robert Colburn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lyon motored to Middletown for the week end, returning Monday.

The pupils of Phoenixville school are preparing for their annual Christmas exercises.

The dance given in the "Old Mill" Friday evening was well attended. Pickle's orchestra furnished music. Many out of town guests were in attendance.

Herbert Campbell of Hampton spent the week end at his home. He is employed by the A. Brazos Corporation.

Nathaniel Sherman returned from Middletown Monday night.

Thomas Colburn and Elliott spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. F. S. Sackett is ill.

Miss May Jackson went to the sanatorium in Norwich Thursday for treatment.

## LIBERTY HILL

The community was shocked and grieved Tuesday morning to learn of the death of James Henry Clarke which occurred Monday night at 11 o'clock. About 5 o'clock Monday afternoon Mr. Clarke was in the barn getting down hay from his stock. The hay is divided into what is called three bents. Mr. Clarke had to pass over these three bents, which were filled with hay, to get to the ladder which he would have to descend to get to the barn floor. Mr. Clarke thought he had gone over three bents when he actually had crossed only two, as it was dark, he walked right off the top of the third bent and landed on his hip on the top of a stake in the

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farm wagon which he had left standing on the barn floor. He was suffering great pain through the abdomen. Dr. T. R. Parker took him to a private hospital in Willimantic and was to perform an operation but Mr. Clarke died before the surgeon could operate. Only Sunday afternoon Mr. Clarke was one of the bearers at the funeral of his father, James M. Clarke. Mr. Clarke was held in high esteem in this community as a kind and obliging neighbor. He was a member of the Liberty Hill church. Funeral services were held at his home at 1 p. m. Thursday. Rev. John H. Knott officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Caples sang Come Unto Me. The bearers were Leslie Clarke, Charles H. Abell, Myron Hoxie and Roland Strong. Liberty Hill church and neighbors sent a pillow of flowers. He leaves his wife, a son Leslie, two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. Abell of New Britain and Mrs. Myron Hoxie of Lebanon Center, his mother, Mrs. James M. Clarke, a sister, Mrs. Henry V. Deliers of New York, and a brother, John Clarke of this place, also a grandson and granddaughter. Burial was in the New cemetery, Lebanon.

## LOCKOUT IN MADRID NOT TO BE GENERAL

Madrid, Dec. 14.—The lockout to go into effect here on Monday will not be general in its scope, but confined to the Belgium trades, while the threatened strikes in sympathy with the Belgian workers are not materialized. The street car workers this morning by a vote of 400 to 300, decided not to strike.

The employers of Barcelona at a meeting last night decided to continue the lockout there indefinitely and also to establish a bank to provide members of their association with loans.

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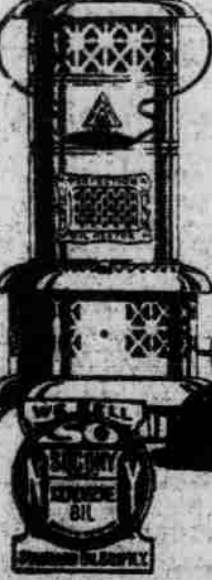
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